

## Taking Pap Tests: theory and practice

**Code:** 585-890

**Title of Subject:** Taking Pap Tests: theory and practice

**Credit Points:** 12.5

**Semester Offered:** Semesters 1 & 2

**Mode of Delivery:** Distance

**Level:** Postgraduate

**Coordinator:** Assoc Prof Kelsey Hegarty

**Prerequisites and/or Co-requisites:** Nil

**Estimated time commitment:** 128 hours (includes 8 hours face to face workshop, reading course materials, CD Rom, all activities and assessments)

### Description:

This subject involves the theory and practice of sensitive pap testing. Innovative teaching and learning techniques, including regular teleconferences and support from University academic staff and clinical preceptors (supervisors).

### Learning Objectives:

On completion of this subject students should be able to:

- Understand the conceptual basis and underlying principles of screening and apply these principles to cervical screening
- Conduct Pap tests in an appropriate and sensitive manner utilizing appropriate communication strategies
- Understand and communicate pap test results to women
- Understand and apply best practice as defined in the current National Standards for Nurse pap Smear Providers

**Prescribed Texts:** None

### Generic Skills:

- An ability to plan strategies for improving the management of information in the workplace
- An ability to work with colleagues to develop best practice in the delivery of health related programs

### Assessment:

#### Theoretical Component

- 1 Attendance at workshop 8 hours (Early in semester) Pass/fail hurdle requirement
- 2 Resource portfolio equivalent to 2,000 words (Mid semester) 60%
- 3 Written Assignment of 1,000 words (Mid semester) 40%

#### Clinical Component

- 4 Professional practice folio which must include evidence of clinical competency consistent with The National Standards for Nurse Pap Test Providers (End of semester) Pass/Fail hurdle requirement